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**Subject:** FW: EPA level of interest in bioremediation at Allied Landfill

Cisco and Anne,

I would like to come upstairs and talk with you guys about these requests. Being responsive to these requests will help move the project forward. I did not promise her anything other than I would run her request by my public affairs people. Please let me know when I could swing by.

Michael

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**From:** Rosemary L. Parker [mailto:RPARKER3@mlive.com]  
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**Subject:** EPA level of interest in bioremediation at Allied Landfill

Thanks for agreeing to respond in brief to the EPA's interest in Biopath's proposal to use bioremediation at the Allied landfill site.

My editors agree that we would like to do a more comprehensive story about the processes when your scientists become available, perhaps around the time Kalamazoo city staff meets with you folks and Biopath to discuss the proposal further?

Meanwhile, for the purposes of this story, can you give me some sense of the EPA's level of interest in the proposal? As I understand it, the general technology of using microorganisms to break down PCBs has been around for quite a while. Are there concerns that this site presents obstacles that might be too difficult for this method to overcome? Or has Biopath introduced something new that makes this an exciting possibility?

Again, this story is basically little explanation of how the process works (or is intended to work), what advantages (besides lower cost) it offers, and how the city and EPA will go about deciding whether it is a good fit for this particular site. Any light you could shed on that would be very helpful.

Rosemary Parker  
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